

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of arranging user-modified variable names in a presentation list, comprising the steps of:

receiving a system request to display variables in the presentation list;

sorting the variables according to a first attribute ~~by giving user-named variables greater priority over system-named variables~~ and then sorting the variables by a second attribute, wherein said first attribute indicates a priority of said variables, and wherein user-named variables have a greater priority than system-named variables; and~~[[.]]~~

simultaneously presenting the user-named variables and the system-named variables, wherein presentment of the user-named variables and the system-named variables comprises at least one of presenting each of the user-named variables in a first region of the list and each of the system-named variables in a second region of the list distinct from the first region and presenting the user-named variable in a first format and the system-named variables in a second format distinct from the first format.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~[[the]]~~ step of presenting comprises displaying the variables when a user selects the variables using a drop-down control.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of presenting is accomplished using at least one among labeling and text formatting.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second attribute criteria is an alphabetical order.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second criteria attribute is a chronological order.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for arranging user-modified variable names in a presentation list comprises:

a memory; and

a processor programmed to receive a system request to display the variables from the memory in the presentation list, to sort the variables according to a first attribute by giving user-named variables greater priority over system-named variables and then sort the variables by a second attribute criteria, and to simultaneously present the user-named variables and system-named variables, wherein said first attribute indicates a priority of said variables, wherein user-named variables have a greater priority than system-named variables, and wherein presentation of the variables comprises at least one of presenting each of the user-named variables in a first region of the list and each of the system-named variables in a second region of the list distinct from the first region and presenting the user-named variable in a first format and the system-named variables in a second format distinct from the first format.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the processor is further programmed to display the variables when a user selects the variables using a drop-down control.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the processor distinguishes between the user-named variable and the system-named variable by using at least one among labeling and text formatting.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the second attribute criteria is an alphabetical order.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the second attribute criteria is a chronological order.

13. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the presentation list is at least one among a drop-down list and a list box.

14. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

receiving a system request to display variables in a presentation list;

sorting the variables according to a first attribute ~~by giving user-named variables greater priority over system-named variables~~ and then sorting the variables by a second attribute, wherein said first attribute indicates a priority of said variables, and wherein user-named variables have a greater priority than system-named variables; and; and

simultaneously presenting the user-named variables and the system-named variables, wherein presentment of the user-named variables and the system-named variables comprises at least one of presenting each of the user-named variables in a first region of the list and each of the system-named variables in a second region of the list distinct from the first region and presenting the user-named variable in a first format and the system-named variables in a second format distinct from the first format.

15. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage of claim 14, wherein the machine-readable storage is further programmed to sort by the second attribute ~~criteria~~ being an alphabetical order.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage of claim 14, wherein the machine-readable storage is further programmed to sort by the second ~~criteria~~ attribute being a chronological order.